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April 14, 2020

The Honorable Peter T. Gaynor  
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Dear Administrator Gaynor:

I write to follow up on my letter dated April 7, 2020 regarding the public-private partnerships FEMA is using to promote the supply of personal protective equipment. I remain concerned that the supply chain that frontline health workers and first responders are relying on to help protect them from novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is broken and requires additional oversight and transparency from your Agency and from Congress.

On April 10, 2020, FEMA provided an update to the Florida congressional delegation about FEMA's effort to reduce the shipment and distribution time for medical supplies through Project Airbridge. According to FEMA, the percentage of Project Airbridge supplies that will be distributed through traditional private vendor channels was reduced from 80 percent to 50 percent. The other half of the supplies transported by the federal government will be routed to COVID-19 "hotspots" based on U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data.

My continued concern relates to the lack of transparency in Project Airbridge and elsewhere in the emergency supply chain. On the April 10 call, FEMA was unable to provide a clear and detailed answer about its visibility on the 50 percent of supplies routed to hotspots and indicated that it has zero visibility on the other 50 percent of supplies that are routed through the traditional supply chain. With over 70 additional flights scheduled to bring thousands of tons of supplies to the United States at taxpayer expense in the coming weeks, I believe that FEMA is making a tremendous mistake by letting these supplies disappear into a broken system.

American taxpayers who are financing these flights and the frontline workers risking their health to fight this virus deserve to know what is on these flights, where these supplies are going, and confirmation that they arrive where they are needed most. I again ask that you work with all partner agencies and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to ensure emergency supplies end up where they should: on the frontlines of this crisis. Please provide responses to the questions in my April 7, 2020 letter and detailed information about FEMA's efforts to track emergency supplies from Project Airbridge throughout the supply chain. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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